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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

13 May 2008

(U) National Interagency Confederation for Biological Research HBCU/MI Symposium
(U) (MCMR-ZB-S).

On 13 May, the National Interagency Confederation for Biological Research (NICBR) hosted the 1st HBCU/MI Symposium on Fort Detrick, Community Activities Center. Mr. Ed Noland (USAG) along with his staff and members from the NICBR orchestrated this event, which included representatives from Department of Security (DHS), National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Cancer Institute (NCI), Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Army. The Deputy Commander, USAMRMC along with the Deputy Installation Commander provided remarks, while the USAMRMC Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs, was the Master of Ceremonies. The afternoon's event concluded with a bus tour of the installation.

In attendance were approximately 40 members from academia. Included were University/College representatives included from University of Texas - Pan American, Norfolk State University, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, Bowie State University, Sojourner Douglass College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Howard University. Key representatives from Frederick Community College were also in attendance as they are considering working with Fort Detrick and the HBCU/MI within the State of Maryland. They want to help inform community college students about medical research and allied health opportunities, scholarships and programs offered at the HBCU/MI and that coincide with our various mission objectives on Fort Detrick.

This particular symposium was designed to encourage the HBCU/MI with a medical research capability, to also participate in the Spring Research Festival, which was scheduled for the following day.

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